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PARIS 28039, D. ADDIS ABABA 11018 (NOTAL)

1. ONLY INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS AVAILABLE ON LIBYAN POLICY
VIS-A-VIS DJIBOUTI IS APPARENT RENCH REFUSAL TO ALLOW LIBYANS
OPEN CONSULATE DJIBOUTI REPORTED REFTEL C.

2. ONLY MAJOR EVENT IN ETHIO-LIBYAN RELATIONS WE AWARE OF
IN PAST SIX MONTHS IS UNSCHEDULED VISIT BY ALI TRAYKI TO ADDIS
OCTOBER 11-12. DURING STOPOVER TRAYKI CALLED ON PMAC CHAIR-
MAN TEFERI BANTE. REASON FOR VISIT WAS SUBJECT CONSIDERABLE
SPECULATION IN ADDIS DIPLOMATIC CORPS, BUT NO SUBSTANTIVE
DETAILS OR EVEN GOOD RUMORS HAVE SURFACED.

3. GOL ASSISTANCE TO ERITREAN INSURGENCY CONTINUES TO BE MAJOR
STUMBLING BLOCK TO IMPROVEMENT ETHIOPIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS.
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MANY LOCAL DIPLOMATS ACCORDINGINLY SPECULATE THAT, AS MEANS

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OF GAINING ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT FOR LIBYA VIS-A-VIS SUDAN-
SAUDI-EGYPTIAN TRIANGLE, TRAYKI MAY HAVE INDICATED LIBYAN
WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE OR SUSPEND ENTIRELY ITS FINANCIAL
BACKING AND ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ELF-PLF. IN FACT, LIBYAN
DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE TOLD FRENCH POINTBLANK THAT GOL IS
NO LONGER PROVIDING SUCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IF THESE
REPORTS HAVE ANY SUBSTANCE, IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT
POSSIBILITY OF GOL SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN POSITION ON
TFAI MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED DURING TRAYKI VISIT.
ON OTHER HAND, ONE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL
HAS VEHEMENTLY DISAVOWED TO EMBOFF ANY LIKELIHOOD OF
IMPROVED ETHIO-LIBYAN RELATIONS, CLAIMING THAT "ETHIOPIA
IS NOT SO STUPID AS TO BECOME FOIL FOR YET ANOTHER LIBYAN
MACHINATION INVOLVING HER NEIGHBORS, WITH WHOM ETHIOPIA
HAS NO BASIC QUARREL".
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